

Amendment in response to a
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 – 11 and 13 – 16 remain in the application and stand finally rejected. Claims 2, 6 and 17 – 19 are objected to, but are indicated to encompass patentable subject matter. Claims 2, 9 and 17 – 19 are canceled herein. Claims 1, 9 and 15 are amended herein. Claim 17 has been rewritten as new claim 20. No new matter has been added. Although this Amendment is being timely filed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required for this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Claims 2, 6 and 17 – 19 are objected to for depending from rejected base claims, but are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 is amended by this proposed amendment to include the recitations of canceled claim 2 and so, is objected to claim 2 rewritten in independent form. Claim 17 has been canceled and rewritten as new claim 20. Claim 9 is amended by this proposed amendment to include the recitations of canceled claims 12 and 18 and so, is objected to claim 18 rewritten in independent form. Claim 15 is amended by this proposed amendment to include the recitations of canceled claim 19 and so, is objected to claim 19 rewritten in independent form. No new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 1, 9, 15 as amended by this proposed amendment, (and new 20) are allowable. Further, since claim 6 depends from 1, claim 6 is made allowable by this proposed amendment. Entry of the amendment, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection of claims 2, 6 and 17 – 19 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 – 5, 9 – 12, 15 and 16 are finally rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,020,915 to Bruno et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,619,555 to Fenton et al. Claims 7, 8, 13 and 14 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bruno et al. and Fenton et al. in view of published U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0026609 to Weinstein et al. The amendment of claims 1, 9 and 15 obviates the need for any discussion of the rejection of claims 1, 9 and 15 over Bruno et al. and Fenton et al., alone or further in view of Weinstein et al.

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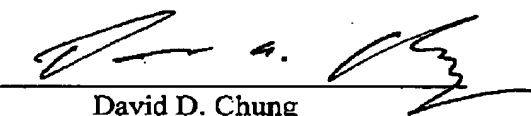
Further since all remaining dependent claims depend from claims 1, 9 and 15, all claims are allowable by this proposed amendment. Entry of the amendment, reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection of claims 1, 3 - 5, 7 - 11 and 13 - 16 is respectfully requested.

The applicants thank the Examiner for efforts, both past and present, in examining the application. Believing the application to be in condition for allowance, both for the amendment to the claims and for the reasons set forth above, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendment, reconsider and withdraw the objection to claims 2, 6 and 17 - 19, reconsider and withdraw the final rejection of claims 1, 3 - 5, 7 - 11 and 13 - 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and allow the application to issue.

Should the Examiner believe anything further may be required, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at 408-492-5336 for a telephonic interview to discuss any other changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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